

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Upon occurrence of memory overflow, a POP3 protocol process section interrupts email reception by POP3 and stores a page count number at the interruption in the data memory area as the interrupted page number. After that, POP3 protocol process section starts reception of the remainder of the interrupted email data connecting to POP3 server. Comparing the receiving page number and the interrupted page number, the POP3 protocol section identifies the data as the data corresponding to the pages received if the former number is smaller than the latter number. If the data corresponds to the pages received, the data is deleted from the reception buffer without any processing. On the other hand, if the data corresponds to non-received pages, then the data is received and printed out after decoding.